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First Named Inventor: BARBUT et al.
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FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a request for filing for a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/016,714, filed on January 30, 1998, which will issue as U.S. Patent No.6,492,546 on July 15, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/854,806 filed May 12, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,231,544, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/645,762, now abandoned, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety, by BARBUT et al., entitled:

AORTIC OCCLUDER WITH ASSOCIATED FILTER AND METHODS OF USE DURING CARDIAC SURGERY

<u>For CONTINUATION or DIVISION APPS only</u>: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, referenced above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation <u>can only</u> be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED

_57	Page(s) of Written Description				
14	Page(s) of Claims				
1	Page(s) of Abstract				
_26	Sheet(s) of Drawings				
	Page(s) of Declaration or Declaration and Power of Attorney				
	Copy from prior application [37 CFR §1.63(d)]				
	Newly executed				
	Other:				
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.10)					
contract of windows (57 C.T.A. §1.10)					

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, MS Patent Application, PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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	Assignment papers (cover sheet and documents(s))									
	An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449, with copies of cited items.									
	Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35									
FEE C	CALCU	JLATION								
		Applicant claims small	entity statu	ıs und	er 37	C.F.	.R. §	1.27.		
		BASIC FILIN	G FEE:							\$750.00
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	Misc. Filing Fees (Recordation of Assignment)						\$0.00			
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PRIORITY - 35 USC § 119										
		Priority of application S 35 USC § 119.	erial No		filed	on_		in	Country is	claimed under
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		The certified copy will f	follow.					•		
AMEN	NDME	NTS	•							
	Cancel in this application original claims <u>2-77</u> of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes if no new claims are added in a preliminary amendment.)									
	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by Amendment must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)									

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RELATE BA	CK - 35 USC § 120					
	Relate back information included in preliminary amendment or specification.					
	Please amend the specification as follows:					
	This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/016,714, filed on January 30, 1998, which will issue as U.S. Patent No. 6,492,546, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/854,806 filed May 12, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,231,544, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/645,762, now abandoned, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety.					
\boxtimes	With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) [37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)]:					
	the same.					
	less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted [see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.33(b) and 1.63(d)(2)]:					
	[Name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted]					
METHOD O	F PAYMENT OF FEES					
	Attached is a check in the amount of \$					
	Charge O'Melveny & Myers's Deposit Account No. 50-0639 in the amount of					
\boxtimes	Not attached. No filing fee is submitted. [This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.]					
AUTHORIZA	ATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES					
The Co	ommissioner is hereby authorized to credit O'Melveny & Myers's Deposit Account					
No. 50-0639 f	or any over payment of fees and to charge the following additional fees by this paper					
and during the	entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0639:					
	37 CFR § 1.16 (Filing fees and excess claims fees)					
	37 CFR § 1.17 (Application processing fees)					
	37 CFR § 1.21 (Assignment recordation fees)					
CORRESPO	NDENCE ADDRESS					

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MAINTENAN	NCE OF CO-PENDENCY OF PRIOR	APPLICATION				
	A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.					
ABANDONM	IENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION					
	Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application. At the same time, please add the words "now abandoned" to the amendment of the specification set forth in Item V above.					
		Respectfully submitted,				
		O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP				
Dated: Ju JCK/cp Enclosures	aly 14, 2003 By	John Kappos, Reg. No. 37,861 Attorneys for Applicants				
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One Edwards Address of Assi	Way, Irvine, CA 92614-5688					
Vice President Title of person a	authorized to sign on behalf of assignee					
Assignment su	abmitted for recordation recorded in PTC	on January 2, 2003.				
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